

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



BUILDING HOPEFUL FUTURES FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER



Your Generosity

...prevented **556 families** from entering shelters

Homelessness Prevention

...helped **5,835 adults and children** experiencing housing & food instability

Crisis Services

...empowered **183 households** in supportive housing to sustain permanent housing

Housing

...fed over **700 homebound households monthly** in Greater New Haven

Food Security



You Helped Nyeshia Find Stability

Nyeshia and her daughters arrived at the **Life Haven Shelter** after spending nights at the bus station. Before that, they were in a motel. Her apartment had become uninhabitable due to mold and lead contamination, causing her baby to get sick. **Despite having a good rental history and a steady job, she found herself homeless.**

The current demand for shelter from families is higher than it has been in decades. However, Nyeshia secured a spot at Life Haven and upon arrival, was paired with a New Reach Case Worker. Nyeshia's goal was clear from the beginning: **"I want to find another apartment for myself and my children."**

Nyeshia found strength in her love for her kids and was determined to provide them with a safe home. In just 60 days, she completed her housing plan, showing her resilience and determination to create a better future for her family.

Nyeshia's story is just one of thousands that shows the impact of your support for New Reach. Together, we inspire lasting independence and stability for those in their time of crisis and need.

Thank You!



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Dear Friends,



As I reflect on 2023 at New Reach, I am humbled by your generosity. Without the support of you and more than 1,200 other individuals and organizations, we could not have impacted the lives of over 5,800 people grappling with housing and food insecurity.

Your contributions, of money and time, allow us to implement innovative solutions that go beyond band-aids. You help **empower families to break free from the cycle of instability, and build resilience.** Together, **we're creating long-term solutions that help families thrive.**

A major highlight of the year was the successful **integration of FISH of Greater New Haven** into the mosaic of New Reach programs (see page 3). To FISH supporters, **WELCOME to the New Reach family!** This was our third successful merger, demonstrating the incredible competency of our leadership team.

Amidst achievements, we cannot ignore the harsh reality that our state's housing and hunger crisis has reached unprecedented levels. While the need for services continues to grow, **the public dollars do not.**



We need you - not just to meet the crisis, but to change systems, empower families, and build lasting independence. You are the driving force behind our work.

We appreciate you!

Kellyann Day, LMSW
Chief Executive Officer

Fred Leaf, Esq.
Chair of the Board

**Together,
we can make a difference
in the lives of those who
need it most.**

Fiscal year 2023 Financials

Between July 2022 and June 2023, both revenue and expenses for New Reach were \$8.3 million.

80% of revenue came from public sources, such as federal and state funding.

**THAT MEANS
20%,
or \$1.7 million,
came from
private donors
like YOU!**



Revenue



For a detailed look,
see our profile on...

giveGreater.org
Your Local Resource for Learning and Giving

Spotlight Life Haven "Lifers"

Some of you have supported Life Haven Shelter for its entire 35 years! Your support has created a safe haven for thousands of women with children and expectant mothers in their time of need.

Managed by New Reach for over a decade, Life Haven has become more than just a shelter; it's a beacon of hope and empowerment.

Upon arrival, residents are paired with a dedicated Case Worker who provides personalized assistance. Together, they create a housing plan tailored to their needs focusing on rebuilding their lives.

Our mission extends beyond housing — we empower residents to set and achieve goals covering employment, financial management, health and wellness. Life Haven ensures access to essential resources for families to rebuild their lives.

A special thank you to Life Haven "lifers" who make this possible!



**Board Chair Fred Leaf and
Maryrose Hoffman
Life Haven "Lifers"**

Have you considered New Reach in your legacy planning? Reach out for info.

YOU BAG, YOU DELIVER, YOU FEED THE HOMEBOUND

On January 1st, 2023, **FISH of Greater New Haven became part of New Reach**, enhancing our efforts to fight food insecurity. FISH's mission is to deliver groceries to our homebound neighbors (the only program that does this in the State of Connecticut!). Last year, FISH supported 875 households!

The power of FISH lies within its over 120 volunteers.

Every month, they prepare and deliver over 2,500 bags of groceries to those who, due to age or illness, are unable to access stores or food pantries.

Client Success Stories

MARIA, 68, sought help in September 2023 due to severe osteoarthritis and type 1 diabetes, which made everyday tasks agonizing. Despite health issues, she always worked, but **worsening conditions led to job loss when she could no longer commute by bus**. Facing financial strain, Maria felt overwhelmed, and was physically unable to access food pantries. Connecting with FISH provides her with a monthly delivery of groceries, allowing her to focus on her health.



Groceries prepared for delivery

with FISH



A program of New Reach

JOHN, a FISH client since June 2020, cares for his bedridden, 90-year-old mother who is battling colon cancer. Despite severe mental health needs, he's described as easygoing by the FISH team. John and his mother depend on a caregiver three times a week. **Without FISH, accessing nutritious food would be nearly impossible.**

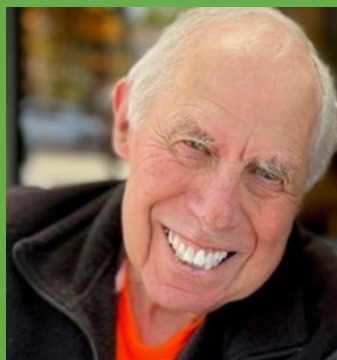
These stories illustrate the impact New Reach's alliance with FISH has on individuals and families in our community. Together, we strive towards a future where everyone has food on their table, a place to call home and the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you Neil Mellen

-Town Fair Tire Foundation-

Like you, Neil Mellen was a champion for New Reach. Neil opened the first Town Fair Tire in Fairfield, Connecticut in 1967. Fueled by relentless determination, the company grew to 115 locations across New England. It was during this growth that Neil founded the Town Fair Tire Foundation.

Neil was a man of uncommon compassion and integrity. Under his stewardship, the Foundation became a significant benefactor to New Reach, as well as many other



Neil Mellen - 1934-2024

organizations dedicated to families, education, and aiding those who are wrongfully convicted.

Every member in the New Reach community extends heartfelt appreciation to Neil for his generosity and compassion.



TOWN FAIR TIRE FOUNDATION, INC.

presents...



Wednesday, June 5th

5:30 to 9:00 pm

The Woodwinds, Branford, CT

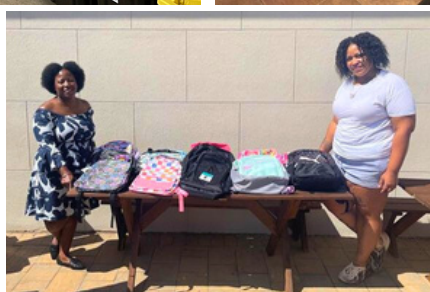


SCAN
FOR TICKETS!

On any given night, there are more than 4,500 people experiencing homelessness in Connecticut.



In 2023, over 200 people and groups donated in-kind goods to support our clients!



Clockwise from top: VOX Church, Judaen Brown, Back-to-School Backpack drive by Residence Inn - Milford, Catholic Charities

5+ Years of Giving!

The individuals and organizations below have donated every year for the last 5 years!
THANK YOU for your commitment to New Reach!
(bolded = monthly donors)

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WAYS YOU CAN HELP END HOUSING AND FOOD INSECURITY



- ☐ Attend New Reach events
- ☐ Become a monthly donor
- ☐ Volunteer to bag or deliver groceries for FISH
- ☐ Receive our monthly E-News for updates, advocacy and opportunities
- ☐ Be a "HOST for CHANGE"



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We'd love to hear from you!

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